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SUBJ: SEIZURE OF US FISHING VESSEL CLEMENTINA

- 1. FISHATT WAS CONTACTED ON FEB 9 BY TELEPHONE
 BY MR JACK CARINHAS OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS OWNER OF
 THE SHRIMP TRAWLER CLEMENTINA. HE SAID THAT THE
 CLEMENTINA HAD BEEN STOPPED BY MEXICAN NAVAL VESSEL
 ON FEB 5 SLIGHTLY SOUTH OF US-MEXICAN BORDER,
 ACCUSED OF FISHING WITHIN MEXICAN TERRITORIAL WATERS
 AND ESCORTED TO TAMPICO. BECAUSE OF BAD WEATHER THE
 TWO VESSELS DID NOT ARRIVE IN TAMPICO UNTIL LATE NIGHT
 OF FEB 7.
- 2. MR CARINHAS HAS RETAINED SERVICES OF ATTORNEY PEDRO OROZCO IN TAMPICO TO ASSIST CAPTAIN RICHARD CHAPELS WITH NECESSARY PAPER WORK THERE. FINAL DECISION ON POSSIBLE PENALTY WILL BE MADE BY OFFICIALS IN MEXICO CITY WHEN DOCUMENTS ARRIVE FROM TAMPICO.
- 3. EMBASSY IS IN CONTACT WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS TO ATTEMPT INSURE THAT ANY PENALTY ASSESSED WILL BE MINIMAL.
- 4. FISHATT TELEPHONED CARINHAS ON FEB 10 AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXPLAINED SITUATION. CARINHAS AGREED THAT BEST

COURSE OF ACTION IS TO PAY WHATEVER FINE IS ASSESSED
AND TO SECURE RELEASE OF CLEMENTINA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
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